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Maloney Promoted In Marine Reserve

Springfield, Mass. — Captain R. J. Perlak, Commanding Officer of Springfield's Company "C", 1st Battalion, 25th Marines announced the promotion of an Agawam Marine Reservist during the November drill.

Being promoted to Lance Corporal was James J. Maloney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Maloney of 54 Annable St., Feeding Hills.

The above Marine was promoted after meeting all requirements of his grade which included an examination, screening and interview by a promotion board and satisfactory performance of duty.

Cloverleaf Squares Dance Friday

The Cloverleaf Square Dance Club of Agawam will hold a public square dance and smorgasbord this Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Maynard St., Agawam.

The Club Presidents, Vernon and Elsie Gillett announce that Jack Mansfield and Ralph Sweet will both be present and will alternate calling the latest square dance numbers. Round dancing will be included upon request. Jack Mansfield is a resident of



JACK MANSFIELD

Agawam and has appeared on television with members of the Cloverleaf group. Ralph Sweet is also a well known caller for the Powder Mill Puffers of Hazardville, Conn.

General chairman of the event is Robert Frenette, vice-president, with Dorothy Frenette, his wife. Assisting with arrangements are: Douglas and Gloria Kerr, Peter and Mary Sutkovoy, Cora Mansfield, Ernest and Barbara Swanson, George and Elizabeth Langevin, Kenneth Oppenheimer, Vernon and Elsie Gillett.

A special feature of the evening will be a delicious variety of sliced meats, salads, shrimp, stuffed and black olives, rolls, coffee, cake, etc. Attractive door prizes will be given and a Cloverleaf Banner will be awarded to any Club with two or more dancing sets.

It is hoped that all persons interested in Western Style Square Dancing will come to the Armory on Dec. 10. Tickets available at the door. Advance sales have been excellent.

AHS Music Students Reunion Dec. 22



Agawam High music students will hold reunion and social at the high school on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

Last year a large number of graduates gathered for the first "Christmastime Reunion." Among those attending were five past presidents of the Agawam High Band shown above left to right: Andrew Raguskus, '62; Ted Affleck, '64; Bruce Haynes, '61; Brian Asta-Ferrero, '63 and Kenric Gallano, '65.

Graduates who have been members of the Agawam High Glee Club or Band are invited to attend the social which will include a program by the present dance band.

The program part of the evening will not be long with the most time being left for social activities. Graduates of the dance band may "sit in" for a portion of the dance that will include some "Memory Tunes."

Return Veterans Income Questionnaire By Jan. 31

David C. Gallano, veterans agent, said Wednesday, that the Veterans Office at the Town Hall will again assist veterans, their dependents and their parents in completing annual income questionnaires required by the Veterans Administration from all individuals receiving non-service connected pension under the laws of the VA.

The annual Income Questionnaires have been dispatched with the November benefit payments and should be in the hands of those eligible in the very near future. The format of the income questionnaire card has been changed somewhat this year and

assistance in completing them may be needed.

Failure to return the completed income questionnaire to the Veterans Administration by January 31, 1966, warned agent Gallano, will result in the termination of payments and those received in 1965 will have to be paid back.

It is recommended if recipients of pensions wish to avail themselves of the services of the local Veterans Department that they appear at the office in the Town Hall any morning of the work week between 9 and 12 a.m. Special appointments can be made for other hours if necessary by phoning the department, Gallano said.

AJWC REMINDS TAG YULE GIFTS

Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, chairman of the children's Christmas party, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, wishes to remind all members to tag each child's present with their name and age.

The party will be held this Saturday afternoon at 2 in the Robinson Park School, Begley St., Agawam.

Members are also reminded to bring all goods for the Christmas basket.

Walters Stationed At Sasebo, Japan

USS AJAX (AR-6) (FHTNC) — Fireman Apprentice Dana C. Walters, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters of 172 School St., Agawam, has returned to Sasebo, Japan aboard the repair ship USS Ajax after two months of work commitments in the ports of Kaohsiung, Taiwan and Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

While in Taiwan, repair crews from the Ajax, assisted in major repairs to the damaged hull of the radar picket destroyer USS Frank Knox, which ran aground on Pratas Reef 240 miles southwest of Taiwan, while en route to Taiwan.

Ajax, flagship for Commander Service Group Three, sailed for

Agawam Women's Club Meet Dec. 13

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its Christmas meeting this Monday, at the Captain Leonard House at 8 p.m. Mrs. Stephen R. Jamrog, president, will preside at the business meeting.

The Golden Bell Choir of the Agawam Congregational Church will play Christmas music. Selections will be "What Child Is This," "Shepherds Carol," "Carol of the Bells," "Angels We Have Heard On High," "While By My Sheep" and "Silent Night." Members of the Bell Choir are Margaret Trombla, Patricia Dickinson, Marjorie Moors, Marjorie Pelley, Sue Edwards, Eleanor Toussaint, Bertha Clark and Alice Moore.

"The Christmas Story in Words and Music" will be presented by Mrs. Ralph D. Pond, reader, and Mrs. Frank Meyer, Jr., and Miss Jean Goss, soloists.

Novel Christmas theme decorations will be provided by the Art Committee: Mrs. Edward Pettis, chairman, Mrs. Charles Kistner, Mrs. James R. Houlihan, Mrs. George L. Reynolds and Mrs. James W. Birchall. Each member will bring her favorite Christmas ornament for display in the overall decorations.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Richard Chapman, Mrs. Edmund Coffey, Mrs. Claude Ouellette and Mrs. Edmund Jenks.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony To Be Sunday

The annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be held this Sunday from 5 to 6 o'clock at the Agawam Library. The ceremony is sponsored by the Agawam Women's Club.

The program is headed by Mrs. Elmer Fleming and her committee: Mrs. Clifton Wright, Mrs.

Walter Brown and Mrs. Clayton Atwater.

Officiating at the ceremony will be Mr. Thomas Rudderford as master of ceremonies. Rev. Walter J. Joyce from St. John the Evangelist Church will give the invocation and Rev. Floyd C. Bryan from the Agawam Congregational will give the benediction.

Ted Dynia and his group called "The Encores" consisting of Cindy Bassini, Matthew Bomb, Edmund Bouley, Robert Toriani and Joseph Dynia will supply the music for this affair.

Following the caroling Santa will arrive with lollypops for all the children.

Win Chicago Trip



Three members of Fullam and Co. Realtors staff, Richard H. Fullam, John J. Beltrandi and Harold A. Fullam, qualified for trip to Chicago National Home Show in contest sponsored by Western Mass. Electric Co. The convention this week in Chicago serves as an opportunity to view all the new developments in the Home Industry.

Catholic Women's Club Meet Monday

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold their Christmas meeting on Monday at 8:30 p.m. in St. John the Evangelist Hall, Agawam. The meeting will be opened by a prayer by Rev. Walter Joyce to be followed by the business meeting presided over by Mrs. David Gallano, President.

Mrs. Thomas Doyle, program chairman will then present the entertainment for the evening featuring Mr. William Munro as "Mr. Magic. Mr. Munro is well-known for his "bag of tricks" which delights all audiences. Following there will be a Community Sing and a dollar gift exchange between members.

Mrs. Robert Anderson, hospitality chairman and her committee will then serve refreshments and coffee to all present.

TWO LOCAL MEN ENLIST IN USM CORPS RESERVE

Springfield, Mass. — Captain R. J. Perlak, Commanding Officer of Springfield's Marine Corps Reserve Unit has announced the enlistment of two Agawam men in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve six months training program.

Enlisting were: Victor A. Bodziak, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bodziak of 30 Green Acre Lane. Victor graduated from Agawam High School in 1965. Frederick W. Miller, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Miller of 358 Meadow St. He was a graduate of Agawam High School in 1965.

The new Marines will undergo

basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and Infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. They will complete the remainder of their obligation by attending drills each month with Company "C," 1st Battalion, 25th Marines here in Springfield.

The Gridiron Mothers will meet Sunday, Dec. 12 at 8:30 p.m., in the high school cafeteria.

CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

Granger School—temporarily
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
 Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
 Sr. Choir Director
 Mrs. Ronald Ashton,
 Jr. Choir Director

Friday—3:30 p.m. Junior choirs practice at 22 Briarcliff Drive; 6:15 Bowling teams at West Side Alleys.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Church School and Worship Service at Grange School.

Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. Church School Teachers' meeting at 244 South West St..

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Sanctuary choir practice at 46 Kensington

St.; 8 p.m. Special Commission and Budget planning session at 444 North Westfield St.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
 Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Choralier Choir rehearse at church; 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir rehearse at church.

Saturday — 11 a.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m. Two Morning Worship Services . . . Rev. Lockhart will preach both services. Celestial Choir sing first service and Senior Choir sing second service; 9:30 and 10 a.m.

Church School for all ages; 3:30 p.m. The Christmas Family Workshop at the church . . . following a work time supper will be served in Fellowship House. A worship service will be held held followed by a play presented by the Senior BYF. Santa Claus will arrive at the party some time during the early evening. All families are invited to attend.

Monday—10 a.m. The Lamp-lighter's Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. John McLaughlin on Federal Street Ext.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club regular meeting; 7 p.m. Celestial Choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open; 7 p.m. ABC Bell Ringers rehearse at church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
 Minister of Music

Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scouts meet; 8 p.m. Square Dance.

Saturday — 8:45 a.m. Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Sunday—Third Sunday in Advent—9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan, preaching, and Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6; 10 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Church School Classes, Graaes 7-12; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship, Rev. Bryan preaching, and Church School Classes, Nursery—Grade 6.

Monday — 7:30 p.m. Deacons meeting; 8 p.m. Friendly Workers Christmas Party.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal l.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
 Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor
 Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Thursday — 6:30 p.m. Youth choir rehearsal; 7:15 Senior choir rehearsal.

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Worship Service . . . Nursery provided; 4 p.m. Worship — Our Christmas Family Night!

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Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta,
 CPS Rector.

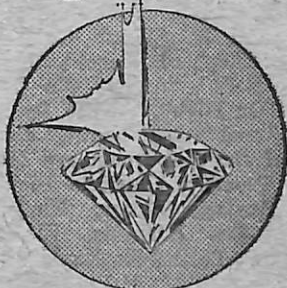
Saturday—4:5:30 p.m. and 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. confessions.

Mass Schedule
 Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays: 7 a.m.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

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Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday — 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 meets in parish hall; 8 p.m. Bible study group meets at Vicarage.

Friday—3:15 p.m. Junior choir practice; 7 p.m. Basketball teams practice.

Saturday — 9:30 a.m. Confirmation instruction; 7 p.m. Cub Scout Yule party.

Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Monday — 3 p.m. Girl Scouts meet; 8 p.m. Church School Teachers meet.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister
 Mrs. John Cesan, Secretary
 Mrs. John MacPherson and
 Mrs. Harry Prior,
 Music Directors

Sunday—10 a.m. Worship Service at Old Storowtown Church, West Springfield, Eastern States Exposition grounds . . . Sunday School classes in session.

Immediately following the church service a Family dinner will be served.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
 West Springfield, Mass.

Rev. John N. Garner, Pastor

Thursday—3:30 p.m. Joy Club (Bible Classes for children in school grades one through six) meets at church; 7:30 p.m. Visitation Program.

Friday—7:45 p.m. "Teens for Christ" groups meet at church. A color film entitled "Teenage Challenge" will be shown.

Saturday—9 a.m. Work day at church. A Young People's Progressive Supper will be held in the evening.

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service, with a Gospel message by Pastor Garner. There is a supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 5:45 p.m. Junior and Senior Young Peoples' groups meet at the church; 7 p.m. Evening service conducted by Pastor Garner.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 AGAWAM, MASS.

December 6, 1965
 Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Robert J. St. Marie, Pharmacist, has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Drugist at 1355 Springfield St., on one floor, one room used for storage.
 RAYMOND E. CHAREST
 EDWARD W. CONNELLY
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 Licensing Board
 (Dec. 9)

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. "Hour of Power," midweek prayer meeting and service.

Cooperate! Remember the banana...every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

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 Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Federal Hill Club, Robert N. Moretti, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club at 135 Cooper St. in a two-story building—8 rooms 1st floor, consisting of dining rooms, library lounge, kitchen, rest rooms and laundry; 2nd floor—servant's quarters and storage.
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 Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Acrebrook of Agawam, Inc., Frank S. Kopasky, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 944 Springfield St. in one story building consisting of Dining Room, bar, kitchen and cellar for storage.
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 Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Antler Club of Springfield, Inc., William J. O'Toole, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club at 562 Suffield St., building consisting of two floors, first floor kitchen, bar, dance hall; second floor storage; cellar — heat and storage.
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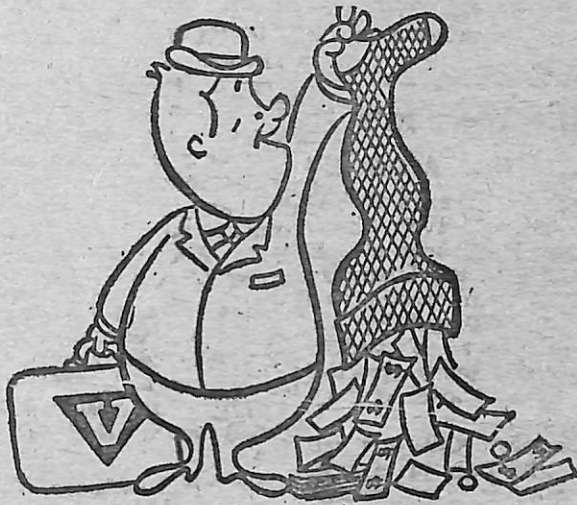
December 6, 1965
 Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Little Raceland of Agawam, Inc., Enrico C. Baldarelli, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as an Inn Holder at 23 Suffield Street, building consisting of 20 rooms on first floor, twenty-three rooms on second floor, three rooms in lower level, consisting of banquet hall, one conference room and lounge. Basement to be used for storage.
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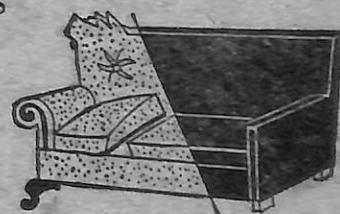
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(A public service column about property and casualty insurance)
by KENNETH S. RAFFOL

Roster of Rules Can Help Reduce Chances Of Accident In Backyard Pool

"What's the best way to keep youngsters safely under control when they're all using the pool together?" a housewife asks.

You may want to consider a bulletin board of "Pool Use Rules." It can be posted at pool-side for your own brood as well as for their playmates, neighborhood children, etc. Anyone who breaks a rule loses pool privileges for a certain number of hours, a day, or longer if justified.

Chances are excellent that, after a few enforcements compelling offenders to stand by while the rest enjoy the pool, you'll find that you have an extremely safety-conscious group splashing noisily and harmlessly in your backyard.

Here are some of the basic rules you may want to list: 1. No one with eye or skin infection, skin rash, colds, nasal or ear discharge can use the pool. 2. No running, pushing, wrestling, ducking, ball playing or rough play in or near pool. 3. Only one permitted on diving board at a time, no jumping or diving off sides of board and no swimming or loitering in front of or under the diving board. 4. No air mattresses, swimming fins, inflatable toys or floats, water wings, metal or rigid plastic toys allowed in pool except under supervision. 5. Stay out of pool during thunderstorms. 6. No food, gum or glass allowed in pool area.

A homeowners package policy,

combining property insurance coverages with liability and medical payments insurance, will cover you for liability arising from accidents in and around the pool. A comprehensive personal liability policy would provide the same protection, if you do not have a



KENNETH RAFFOL

homeowners and decided to buy a separate policy. If a person should slip and injure himself on the wet surface surrounding your pool or if someone was injured while swimming in it, these policies would protect you against liability arising from such accidents up to the limits specified.

This column will be glad to answer questions you may have about property or casualty insurance. Send them to The Agawam Independent, marked to the attention of Kenneth S. Raffol.

Donkey Decides

Lubuski, Yugoslavia

Farmer Simun Kolabaric lost his 16-year-old donkey in the hills. Later Mr. Kolabaric's grandson, a taxi driver, thought he recognized the animal at a nearby village.

But Ante Medic, another farmer, said the donkey belonged to him.

While a court argument went on, villagers led the donkey to a cross-roads between the two farms and turned the animal loose. The donkey ambled straight to Mr. Kolabaric's stable. The court ruled him the owner and ordered Mr. Medic to pay trial costs of 25,000 dinars (\$20).

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Dino (Dean) Jevons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jevons of Liberty St., Feeding Hills, will be home for the holidays, and is scheduled to make personal appearances at local supper clubs with Jackie Graveline. One of their bookings is the Dante Club in West Springfield for New Year's Eve. A tentative schedule has been set for Dino to appear on WWLP. Dino is a student at Carolina College in Greenville, N. C., and is one of the main vocalists of the College Chapel Choir.

Brian Asta-Ferrero, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Asta-Ferrero of Spring St., Agawam, was home on leave from the Denver, Colorado AFB, over the Thanksgiving holiday. During his leave, Brian was guest soloist at the Willow Glen House in East Longmeadow.

Gregory Moriarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moriarty of Suffield St., Agawam, celebrated his seventh birthday Thanksgiving Day, at a children's party in his honor. Adult guests included his grandfather, Al Durocher, uncle Al Durocher of Holyoke and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duro-

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cher of Portland, Me. The party was climaxed by a visit to West Springfield to see the Ice Capades.

Jackie Graveline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graveline of Spring St., Agawam, will be flying home from Texas for the Christmas holidays, and will be a guest artist at some of the local supper clubs in the area, including the Dante Club.

Russell L. Birchall, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Birchall of Main St., Agawam, was one of the freshmen on the first quarter honor roll of Nichols College of Business Administration, Dudley, Mass.

Last week, Dr. Seamus Malin, a member of the Harvard University staff of admissions visited with Mr. David Skolnick, Guidance Director of the Agawam High School looking for academ-

ically talented Agawam students to attend Harvard University in Cambridge.

The Friendly Circle of Valley Community Church of Agawam toured the Ring Holiday Gift Shop in Westfield this week. The members came back full of Christmas ideas.

Musical Bonanza

Fifty United States symphonies have just been handed what is said to be the largest single gift to the arts in the history of modern philanthropy.

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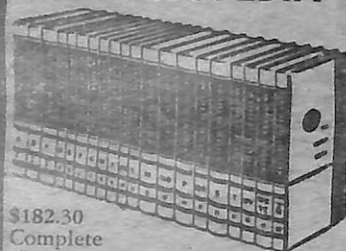
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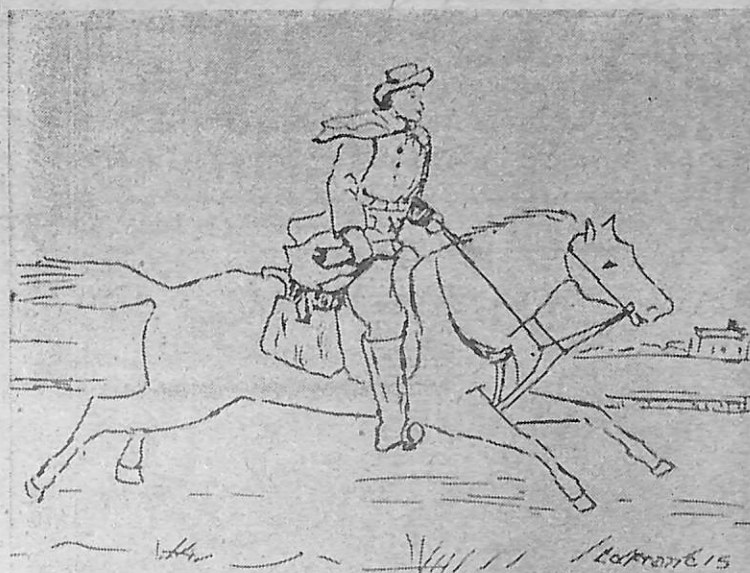
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A Newspaper Story



By Edith LaFrancis

Soon after the Revolutionary War, when Agawam was a single precinct with two villages, five schools and one church, a printing press was established in Springfield, and newspapers were delivered to subscribers by the post rider and the stage coach. A paper three days old was still considered news.

News gathering was slow and editors often depended on reprints about foreign countries, religion and temperance to fill their pages. The first trains, 1841, not only speeded delivery to outlying towns, they brought back all sorts of news items, collected by the train crew up and down the line.

The Hampshire Federalist printed, under its heading, a statement of principle:—"What I know to be true, that I will declare—and what I feel it to be my duty to represent, that I will have the boldness to publish."

A few local items were finding their way into the Federalist in 1807, where on January 7th the subscribers read:—"On Friday last, the mail stage, in attempting to pass the Connecticut River on the ice, about a mile below the bridge, broke through. As the sleigh as well as the horses were plunged in six feet of water, it may be considered a happy circumstance that there were but three passengers in it. They escaped their danger by jumping on the ice. Had the stage been crowded, as is often the case, it would have been hardly possible for those seated in the back part of it to have saved their lives. The horses and sleigh were got out without injury, though not without great difficulty and risk."

Though short on local news, the Federalist in 1807, carried many local ads. Byers and Bliss, merchants, list for sale a variety of cloth. "Swanskin, Baise, Shaloon, Irish Linen etc.; also St. Croix Rum, French Brandy, Holland Gin, Lisbon and Malaga Wine."

The Federalist, itself, is advertising for rags for making paper. The Post Master gives a list of letters, uncalled for. Monson Academy advertises for pupils from abroad. Thomas Sargeant's ad is for Watches, Military Feathers, Sword Knots, Epaulets and Tassels. Justin Ely of West Springfield, has goose feathers to sell.

E. Grant of Westfield advertises his Cabinet Making Shop. Root & Brewster are selling garden seeds. A. & P. Bartlett offer guns, muskets by chest, dozen or single. Roswell Lombard wants to buy mink and cat skins, black, brindle or gray.

There are "apprentice wanted" ads and a reward offered for the return of a runaway apprentice described as "17 years old, black eyes, dark hair, and very bold and saucy."

A general store sells among other things "Lump and Brown Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, Powder, Shot, Pickled Salmon, 4, 8, and 10 penny nails etc."

There were articles about Napoleon Bonaparte, the American legation in Paris, and on the depredations of Indians in the Far (middle) West. Even though the news might be days old, it was eagerly read and discussed, all the way down to the very last word.

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Wednesday: Frankfurt on roll, cabbage pineapple salad, home-made baked beans, peanut butter honey sandwich, blueberry pie square, milk.

Thursday: Juice, ham salad roll, potato chips, garden salad w/ripe olives, chocolate cake w/chocolate icing, milk.

Friday: Baked fish filet, par-slied potato, Harvard beets, hot date muffin, lemon filled cake, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Hamburg and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, grinders (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), pickles, potato chips, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, green beans, peanut butter sandwiches, apple sauce, milk.

Thursday: Juice, roast turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread/butter, ice cream cup, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish salad, tossed salad, potato chips, bread/butter, cherry crisp, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Orange juice, frank-furt and roll, potato chips, cole slaww/carrots, chocolate cake, milk.

Tuesday: Chinese pie (mashed potatoes, corn, hamburger), bread/butter, applesauce w/oatmeal cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Elbow macaroni w/meat sauce, tomatoes, wax beans, peanut butter and jam sandwich, diced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Mashed potatoes, roast turkey w/gravy, broccoli, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, toasted cheese sandwich, beet salad, potato

chips, chewy peanut butter cookies, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Citrus juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered bun, relish and mustard, potato chips, whole kernel corn, apricots, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, sweetened cherries, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey in brown gravy, mashed potato, frosted spinach, cranberry sauce, hot buttered cornbread, ice cream, milk.

Thursday: Baked beans and frankfurt rings (catsup), tossed salad (lettuce, tomato, spinach), peanut butter jelly sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, glazed carrots, apple crisp, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Spaghetti w/tomato meat sauce, buttered wax beans, cheese cubes, peanut butter sandwich, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Pineapple - orange juice, shepherd's pie, carrot sticks, ripe olives, jelly sandwich, chocolate cake w/mocha icing, milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered leaf spinach, bread/butter, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Beef-vegetable stew, buttered Vienna bread, celery sticks, orange pineapple tidbits, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday: Pink lemonade, tuna sail boats, potato chips, buttered peas, apple crumb cake, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Citrus juice, grilled frankfurt on buttered roll, relish, mustard, buttered corn/peas, apple, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, cheese wedge, fruit, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Grilled hamburger on buttered bun, onion slices, relish, buttered green beans, or-

ange wedges, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, broccoli cuts, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream cone, milk.

Friday: Spaghetti w/cheese tomato sauce or macaroni/cheese, cabbage carrot salad, peanut butter sandwich, spice cake, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Shell macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, pear halves, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, frankfurt in buttered roll, mustard, relish, ripe olives, buttered corn, apple cherry crisp, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup w/vegetables, celery sticks, roast beef sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, fresh fruit, cookies, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, sloppy Joe on buttered bun, potato chips, buttered green beans, fruited jello, milk.

Friday: Baked fish sticks, mashed potatoes, buttered peas/carrots, bread/butter, sliced apricots, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Homemade beef stew w/vegetables, celery sticks, peanut butter honey sandwich, pineapple squares, milk.

Tuesday: Italian spaghetti w/meat sauce and grated cheese, fruit slaw salad, French bread/butter, spiced applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Hamburg, corn and noodles baked w/sauce, buttered broccoli, peanut butter on rye, gingerbread w/lemon sauce, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, buttered pan biscuit, citrus fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Baked beans w/catsup, tossed green salad, butter jelly sandwich, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Flag Display Voted

Washington The Senate has passed and sent to the White House a bill to permit the United States flag to be flown 24 hours each day on the green in Lexington, Mass.—the site of the first confrontation of the Minutemen with the British in the Revolutionary War.

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At the last meeting of the Agawam Lions Club, District Governor Gerd Schneider distributed perfect attendance awards and enlightened the Club on the activities of Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, Inc., which is supported by donations from every club in the state.

Facts revealed: that \$123,000 in one-year grants was made for eye research this year; that there are 47 pure eye research technicians in the world and 37 of these are putting in time for Mass. Lions Eye Research right now in many Boston colleges and institutions; that through this research the cause of baby blindness was discovered, thus saving the sight of untold children. Many projects are being worked on with gratifying indications and the prospects are fine for other methods of preventing blindness not now known to medical science.

Bruce Notman was awarded a ten-year perfect attendance pin, and 36 members presented awards for perfect attendance during the past year.

Co-chairman Jim Votsakis reported that the cut-off date for the annual Christmas Stag Party at the Federal Hill Club on Dec. 15 will be Friday, Dec. 10. A Protestant minister and a Catholic priest will be guests and will give their views on what Christmas should mean. The Agawam Junior High School Choralettes, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff, will entertain with songs and carols.

This year the annual mid-winter Conference will be held Feb.

5 in Springfield—banquet at the Kimball Towers and meetings at Sheraton Motor Inn. I. C. Cliff Zundell is chairman.

OFFICE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS

November 22, 1965

Agawam Lions Club
Kenneth Clouse, Pres.
44 Thalia Drive
Feeding Hills, Mass.

Dear Members;

This Department wishes to extend there deep appreciation for the hospital beds and laboratory equipment you so generously donated. There has been a great need for beds the past few years, and to this time we have had only one to loan the citizens of Agawam. It has been absolutely impossible to meet the many requests for these beds as some patients need a hospital bed from several weeks to months and with only one bed to loan it was necessary to loan the bed on a short term basis.

Now, due to your sincere interest in the welfare of Agawam residents, we will be better able to handle the many requests made on this Department.

Again, we wish to thank you for this great public service.

Respectfully,
Robert P. Carlson
Health Agent

Waste Collections

ROUTE 5

Friday, Dec. 10 — Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Briarcliffe Dr., Bristol Dr., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Hamilton Cir., New York Ave., North St. Ext., North West, North Westfield, Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pine, Pleasant Dr., Richmond Ave., Roosevelt Ave., South West, South Westfield, Southwick, Sunset Ter. and Thalia Dr.

ROUTE 6

Monday, Dec. 13 — DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater Rd., Franklin St. Ext., Garden, Gunn-Gerry Ln., Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Shoemaker Ln., Silver, Silver Lake Dr., Suffield and Vandalis St.

ROUTE 7

Tuesday, Dec. 14—Althea Dr., Anthony, Belle, Centre, Clematis Dr., Colonial Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta Potomac Pl., Prince Ln., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

ROUTE 8

Wednesday, Dec. 15 — Adams, Birchill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawa Ave.,

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Walters Stationed...

(Continued From Page 1)

Subic Bay shortly after the Frank Knox was towed into Kaohsiung for repairs, to host 14 newsmen from the Republic of China (Taiwan) on an orientation tour of U. S. Navy installations in the Far East.

In addition, crewmen of the Ajax donated blood to the Subic Bay Hospital to be flown to the Clark Air Base Hospital for injured servicemen returning from Vietnam and contributed \$318 for victims of the Taal Volcano eruption.

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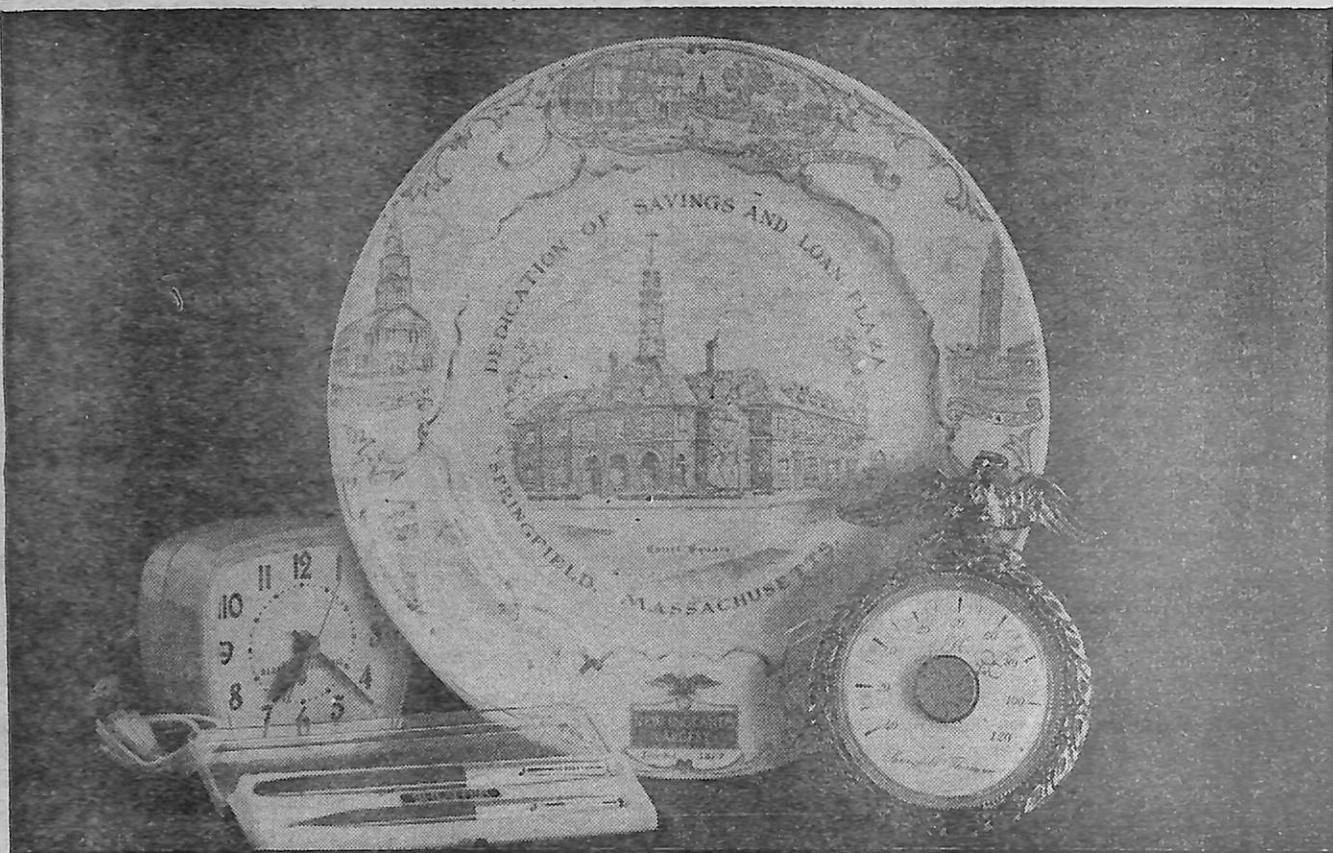


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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By Bill Chiba

The New Hampshire deer season is progressing in fine style, with hunters taking good advantage of the tracking snow to be found in the North Country and in the higher elevations of the central and western sections of the state.

The latest count of the deer coupons received by the department totals 6240. The total deer kill for the 1964 season was 7586.

The oldest deer checked through the stations was an 8½-year-old doe, and the largest buck checked during the same period weighed 198 pounds and was 6½ years old.

The New England Sportsmen's Show will be held at the fabulous, new War Memorial Auditorium in the Prudential Center, Boston, Mass., Jan. 29 through Feb. 6, 1966.

The show will consist of sensational exhibits and feature

attractions . . . Amandis troupes, comedy . . . Lounsbury Sisters — Baton Twirling; Willy Necker's retrieving dogs; Ralph Quinlan will be the master of ceremonies; sensational Leighs—Aerial Loop Swing; Tuffy Truesdell—Alligator Wrestling in the water and on stage, and finally Leo Sabourin and Jean Lagace going through the grind in trick and fancy log rolling and canoe tilting.

Elections

The Agawam Sportsmen Club will hold its annual election of officers and directors Dec. 15, 1965 at the club house. Dick Schuhlen, president, announces to new prospective members that the annual dues has been raised to \$10 per year. The move was necessary because of the high cost of overhead.

Growth Rate Up

Commissioner Ronald T. Speers of the Maine Fish and Game Department, proudly announces that the growth rate of landlocked salmon population in Sebago Lake has increased. The rate declined seriously for several years.

This year, 3½-year-old salmon averaged 16.4 inches in length, compared with 13.7 inches for fish of the same age class in 1964. The increased size was noted also in 4½-year-old fish, which average 17.0 inches this year, compared with 14.9 inches in 1964.

The Commissioner attributes the marked comeback of Sebago Lake's salmon in part to the camp owners co-operation in the cessation of DDT spraying along the shore. This has allowed smelt and minnow populations to increase, thereby providing a larger food supply for the salmon.

National Pickle Week and Mother's Day are both in May. Strange country, these United States. We devote 24 hours a year honoring mothers and seven days celebrating a relish. (Cleveland Dealer).

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Let's Go Fishin'

BY BOB BREWSTER
Outdoor Editor,
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TOO LATE? NEVER!
If your fall plans include fishing in the Everglades or off Balboa, you are probably not too concerned about the fishing problems the "back home" folks must face this time of year.

This is a confused period for most stay-at-home anglers across the land. The steelhead run hasn't begun; solid ice is still some time away; and hunting has entered the outdoor picture.

As a general rule, fishing's good in most places, stress the experts at Mercury outboards. In fact, they add, in many spots it's better now than any other period of the year.

To capitalize on autumn's fishing bonanza, all one must do is don warm togs, ignore a football game on TV, and hustle off to the nearest waters.

Weather will play a dominant role in both comfort and fishing success. Keep an ear tuned to forecasts. A high barometer and fair conditions indicate good results, while an approaching cold front usually signals problems. The key right now is air temperature and clouds that obscure the sun and, consequently, lower water temperature. As long as the water is favorable to fish activity, you can expect action.

The presence of natural baits is another indicator of results, regardless of their abundance. In areas where frogs are still hopping in the shallows you can reasonably be assured of strikes.

Incidentally, latch on to any terrestrial creatures you might chance across. If they are good fish bait in any season, they're at a premium now.

Late fall should not discourage the angler, say the Mercury people. Just "git up 'n go."

But, they admonish, be sure the season's still open for the species you seek.

Mythology reveals that Scandinavians hung mistletoe over their doorways on the first day of winter to ward off evil spirits. To the Romans, mistletoe was a symbol of peace and when enemies met under the "supernatural" sprigs, they discarded arms and declared a truce. From all of these myths and customs, mistletoe became a symbol of love and gradually, perhaps inevitably, the custom evolved of kissing under the mistletoe.

At Your Service

DAVID C. GALLANO
Director of Veterans Services



The Veterans Administration office at Boston offers these suggestions for more efficient VA service:

'Button Box' Auction In West Granville

A three-day auction of an outstanding collection of Art Glass and Americana furnishings belonging to Mrs. Pearl H. Klerx, "The Bliton Box," West Granville, Mass., has been announced by O. Rundle Gilbert of New York, sold by order of John A. MacGruer, Jr., Conservator. The sale will be held on the premises on Dec. 9, 10 and 11, starting at 10 a.m. each day.

To be sold are some 500 pieces of Art Glass including Burmese, Satin, 20 pieces of Gunderson, Hob Nail, and many more. The furniture includes a Welsh cupboard, Grandfather's Clock, canopy and spool beds, cherry and mahogany tables, captain's chairs, a quantity of furniture in the rough. An early Steinway upright piano, two reed organs, seven violins and a harp are also in the sale. Other items include dough bins, spinning wheels, Franklin stoves, American silver, hooked, braided and Oriental rugs.

During the early period of Christianity it was the custom in England for the poor to sing carols — joyful songs — in the streets at Christmas time. As they sang from house to house, they were given food, clothing and money. This is one way that today's Christmas caroling might have begun.

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This year more than 30 career conferences have been held at Agawam High. These conferences enable students to speak to directors of admissions from vari-

ous colleges, who discuss their college and the career opportunities of the college.

Two conferences will be held during the week of Dec. 13-17. On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Mr. Daniel Dorian of Mansfield Academy will speak to any student who is interested in Cosmotology. The field of Cosmotology has tremendous potential for both men and women.

Mr. Donald Avery of Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., will be at Agawam High on Friday, Dec. 17 to speak to students about this two or four year business college.

COLLEGE BOARDS

Last Saturday the first of five college board tests were held for seniors. The next test will be on Jan. 8, 1966. Good luck, seniors!

RALLIES AND GAMES

To start the AHS basketball season with school spirit, pep rallies were held last weekend. The first basketball game was played yesterday against Cathedral. On Monday, Dec. 13, the Agawam basketball team will play Amherst at home.

The hockey season starts next Wednesday with a game between Agawam and Holyoke at Holyoke. Let's really give the AHS team all our support! See you at both games!!

COMING EVENTS... Basketball and Hockey games next week... Operetta coming soon!!

Stumblers Squares

Yule Dance Dec. 11

The Stumblers of Feeding Hills invite all western style square dancers to their Christmas dance Saturday, Dec. 11, at Granger School from 8 to 11 p.m.

Bud Flebotte, who has called in New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Eastern Massachusetts will emcee.

There will be door prizes and special holiday refreshments.

On Monday, Jan. 10, 1966, the Stumblers will hold a FREE Fun Night at 8 p.m. for anyone interested in learning western style square dancing. Fun Night and lessons to be held at the Sacred

Heart Parish Hall, Williams St., Feeding Hills.

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game of the present Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held in the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St., last Wednesday evening. Door prizes were won by Emma Piacenza, Jessie Tompkins, Rhea Duclos and Dorothy Webb.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Thomas Bishop, Eugene Knightly and Edward Burton. Ace prize winner for the ladies was Eva Lyman and Gaston Alard for the men.

The following received play prizes: Ladies—1st Marion Randall, 2nd Katherine Cleary, 3rd Mary McKay, 4th Florence Pa-

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naretas; Men—1st Frank DeSi-mone, 2nd Lawrence Duclos, 3rd Clarence Edwards, 4th Walter Haggerty. The next card party will be held same day... place... time.

Advertising is the life of trade.

PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



By Beryl and Doug Shaylor

Last week the Agawam Promenaders earned their first new banner of this season. A number of club members visited the Russell Ridge Runners' Club and danced to the calling of Chuck Donahue. We want to thank the Russell Club for a very enjoyable evening and for the bright new banner which we have added to our collection.

This Friday, December 10, the Promenaders' annual Christmas party will be held at the Robinson Park School. Caller will be Dick Steele of Lexington, Mass. Party Co-chairmen Jack and Barbara Kupec and Vin and Gwen Gregory have completed plans for the festivities. Special refreshments will be served and a number of special door prizes will be awarded.

All club members are reminded to bring gifts for distribution to needy children in the area. Each package should be wrapped and marked according to the age and sex of the child.

Immediately following the dance a special business meeting will be held. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers to the Executive Board. All club members are urged to make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

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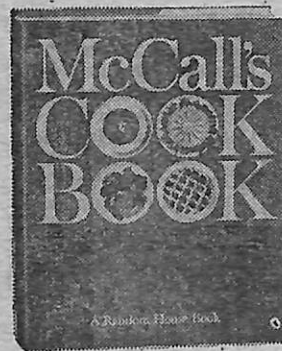
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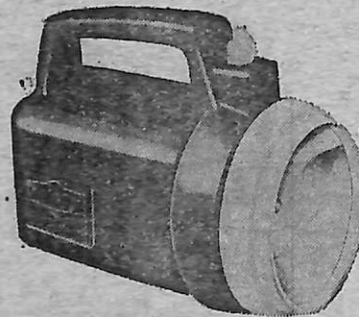
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Two or three-day delivery is standard practice for such a letter today.

"However, if people held the vast volume of Christmas mail until the last moment, even a high priority letter could be bogged down in the mail avalanche," the Postmaster said.

The 1812 incident was the Battle of New Orleans. General Andrew Jackson's forces defeated a British army on January 8, more than two weeks after a peace treaty had been signed ending the War of 1812. The message wasn't delivered until March 6.

"While the late delivery of Christmas mail may not be as tragic," the Agawam Postmaster said, "much of the joy of Christmas would be lost."

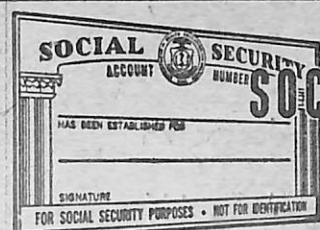
"About seven billion pieces of mail will be delivered nationally during the Christmas peak season. To make sure it gets to the proper destinations in time, everyone should plan to mail as far in advance as possible. Mail as early as possible and not save all gifts and greetings for one deposit."

"In other words, mail early and often."

It took 19 days of hard riding for the courier from Washington to reach General Jackson. Unfortunately, he could only give a verbal account of the signing of the peace treaty. In the hurry to depart, he had been given the wrong packet of papers. The only written support of his report was the order he carried, signed by the Postmaster General, directing postal employees along the way to give the courier assistance in delivering the important message.

Postmaster DeForge said there is a parallel for Christmas mail. "Mallers should double check the addresses against the items they are sending. Every year stories are told of envelopes or packages being mailed with no address, or illegible addresses. Sometimes people even inadvertently mail packages before they are wrapped."

The Postmaster urged that ZIP Code be used in all mail—in both return and destination addresses.



SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. My father is 80 years old. He was turned down for social security benefits because he had not worked long enough to qualify. Will the new law help him?

A. It may. Since he is over 76, he now needs only 3 quarters of coverage to qualify, instead of 6.

Q. I applied for retirement benefits the year before last when I reached 65. I was told I didn't have enough work credits. Can I qualify now?

A. No. Since you reached retirement age in 1963, you needed credit for 3 years of work to be insured. Under the new law, you

still need the same amount. The number of work credits needed was reduced only for those workers who reached retirement age prior to 1957.

Q. I read that the amount of earnings a person could have and still get all of his social security benefits has been raised from \$1200 to \$1500. Is this so?

A. Yes. However, it is not effective until 1966. You can earn up to \$1200 in 1965 and still get all benefits for the year.

Q. I understand that the new law enables a person to get monthly benefits even though he has never worked under social security. How do I get my benefits started?

A. You can't get monthly benefits unless you have worked under social security or qualify as a dependent on the earnings record of another. However, you can get hospital insurance benefits at 65, if you will be 65 before 1966, even if you have never worked under social security.

Q. I was turned down last year for disability benefits. I was disabled in 1963. Does the new law change the work requirement?

A. No. Except for those who become blind before they are 31, there is no change in the work requirements.

Q. My claim was disallowed because my disability was not severe enough to keep me from doing

any work. Does the new law help me?

A. No. You can get disability benefits only if you are unable to work because of your disability.

Q. My claim for disability benefits was disallowed because I could return to work after treatment. I have now been unable to work for over a year. Should I refile?

A. Yes. You may receive benefits if you have been disabled at least 12 months.

Q. I am over 65 and still work full-time so I have never applied for social security retirement benefits. Do I need to do anything to qualify for the hospital insurance benefits?

A. Yes. You should apply for your social security benefits now. When you apply, you establish your eligibility for hospital insurance benefits.

Q. If I take reduced widow's benefits at age 60, will it be increased to the full rate when I reach 62?

A. No. The amount of your benefit will remain the same, unless you did not receive benefits for all months before you are 62. In this case, your benefit will be adjusted at 62 to take these months into account.

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LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

by Virginia Catchepaugh

Bazaar and Smorgasbord

Agawam Unit will hold a Christmas Bazaar this Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings at the Legion Home. On Saturday, the Post and Unit will hold their joint smorgasbord, with the public invited. Mrs. Connie Lamountain is Unit Chairman.

Children's Christmas Party

Post 185 will hold a Christmas Party for members' children on Dec. 19th at the Legion Home. So that no child will be disappointed, only those with reservations by Dec. 5th should attend. Carol singing, movies, refreshments and a visit from Santa are planned.

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Unit will be held on Monday, Dec. 20th at the Legion Home.

New Year's Party

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the New Year's Eve Party to be held at the Legion Home.

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